



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 90

Hearing Date: February 2, 2005

Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Wehrbein)

Title: Change the rate of excise tax on corn and grain sorghum

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Cornett, Janssen, Landis, Preister, Raikes and Redfield
2	No	Senators Baker and Connnealy
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Ron Friehe
Mark McColley
Steve Sorum
Sam Scarpello
Loran Schmit

Alex Cramer

Representing:

Steamfitters & Plumbers Local Union 464
Nebraska Ethanol Board
Omaha Building & Construction Trades Council
Husker Ag, Kaapa Ethanol, Platte Valley Fuel
Ethanol, SW Energy
Husker Ag

Opponents:

John K. Hansen
Matt Jedlicka
Steve Ebke

Representing:

NE Farmers Union
NE Farm Bureau
NE Corn Growers Assn.

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 90 would amend section 66-1345.01 to increase the excise tax, or checkoff, levied on sales of corn and grain sorghum for purposes of funding ethanol incentives from $\frac{3}{4}$ cent per bushel of corn or hundredweight of sorghum to $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents from October 1, 2005 through October 1, 2010.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee Amendments amend section 66-1345.04 spelling out intended General Fund Appropriations to add a one-time \$2.5 million appropriation intended for fiscal year 2006-07.

Senator David Landis, Chairperson